

October 22, 2015
Maine Milk Commission Meeting Minutes
Deering Building, Room 233
Augusta, Maine 04333

Notices for the October 22, 2015 meeting were distributed to Commission members, intervenors and other interested parties on September 24, 2015 and sent to the Secretary of State's Office for posting on September 24, 2015.

Commission Present: Mike Wiers, Colon Durrell, Richard Cook, Matt Randall and Stanley Millay

Commission Absent: None

Department Officials: None

Staff Present: Tim Drake, Executive Director, Betty Farr, Resource Administrator and Carol Gauthier, Office Associate, Josh Panek, Resource Administrator

Legal Counsel: Lauren Parker

Others Present: Bill Randall and Jordan Clark, Agri-Mark, John Blake, H.P. Hood, Julie-Marie Bickford, MDIA, Bob Fortin, Audrey Slattery and Clayton Davis of DFA/DMS, Jim Lesser of Oakhurst Dairy, Shelley Doak of the Maine Grocers and Food Producers Association, Mike Brackett of Hannaford's and Dave Stonesifer of Herbein & Co.

Chairman Wiers called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes: Colon Durrell made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting as presented. Richard Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 2: Lauren Parker, Assistant Attorney General:

Agenda Item 3: Minimum Prices:

Tim Drake reported that a prevailing premium of \$1.10/cwt. on Class I for November 2015, Dairy Marketing Services (DMS). In addition to this premium, DMS reported that an additional \$0.43/cwt for milk that comes from producers who do not treat their cows with the rBST hormone will be in effect. Bob Wellington reported in August that Agri-Mark had dropped their rBST premium; however their total premium had dropped only a total of \$0.20/cwt., this remains the same for November. Federal Order One Class I price for November is \$19.73, an increase of \$0.64/cwt. He explained that a schedule was prepared using this information plus a producer cost of production adjustment (COPA) of \$1.35/cwt. He stated that this price schedule was for informational purposes and that the Commission was not bound to it, and should make their pricing determination after hearing testimony.

Chairman Wiers asked for testimony.

There was none.

Richard Cook then made a motion to accept order #11-15 with a producer margin of \$1.35/cwt. and a Commission premium of \$1.53/cwt.

Stanley Millay seconded the motion.

Chairman Wiers called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 4: Maine Monthly Price Survey: The Commission reviewed the Maine price survey for October 2015 which showed retail prices for Augusta, Scarborough, South Portland, Brunswick, Biddeford, Bangor and Brewer. The IAMCA survey for August was also reviewed.

Agenda Item 5: Next Scheduled Meetings:

- November 19, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- December 24, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- January 12, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Augusta Civic Center
- January 21, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- February 18, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta ME

Agenda Item 6: Other:

- A. Monthly Financial Report:** The first quarter FY 16 report was reviewed.

Agenda Item 7: Executive Session: None

Adjourned: Adjourned; 10:41 a.m. October 22, 2015.
Tim Drake, Maine Milk Commission